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Parts Of Drexel Hall Closed For Massive Remodeling Work

Portions of Drexel Hall will be closed for the duration of the school year due to damage and remodeling. The remodeled parts will be re-opened at the beginning of the 1978-79 school year.

According to Alfred Hentschel, superintendent of buildings and grounds, the entire first floor and the north side of the second floor have been closed pending further remodeling. Only 28 of the possible 70 students that the hall accommodates live there now. The remainder live in other dorms on campus. Hentschel says that there are "presently 80 vacant rooms on campus, so if Drexel Hall had to be closed entirely, there would still be room for the students elsewhere."

There is some minimal damage of peeling paint in the bathrooms due to lack of ventilation. Also lacking in Drexel is lounge furniture, television cables, a television set, and a telephone.

One problem last year was lack of hot water. This year a new insulator was placed inside the boiler, and this should solve the problem.

Hentschel estimates that the renovation of Drexel will cost between $15,000 and $20,000.

However, according to resident assistant Bill Lambert (sr.) "at the beginning of this school year, Ken Zawodny (SJC treasurer) stated that he would take the renovation under his wing. But as of yet, nothing has been started. I feel that if they are going to start remodeling, they should start now."

Hentschel says that "the renovation of Gallagher and Halas Halls over the summer were top-priority projects. There just was not enough money left over to renovate Drexel."

Presently, it is more costly to have the dorm at less than its normal capacity, Hentschel reports. By next summer, however, the building should be completed and ready for full use.

Damage and debris like this in the Drexel Hall courtyard was repeated on the first floor and part of the second floor of the dormitory, forcing college officials to close those portions of the building for repairs.

Freshmen Experiences Vary

Drawing a composite picture of a class of more than 300 freshmen at Saint Joseph's College is no easy chore, yet there are common threads running through Collegeville's newest class that cannot be ignored.

Aside from academic qualifications, an observer has to be strongly impressed with the talents and experiences of the freshmen, whose backgrounds of travel and work experience are nothing short of staggering.

Jobs held by the freshmen range from the traditional to the unique. Those fitting the former category include: food service manager at an amusement park, telephone solicitor, clerk in a grocery store, waitress, day camp counselor, receptionist, tennis attendant, golf caddie, sales clerk, dishwasher, construction worker, delivery boy, and private tutor.

Moving toward the more non-traditional forms of employment, one student did carpentry jobs for his city's light department and was subsequently accepted into a carpenter's union. Another was a fishing guide in Canada and another was a model/representative for J. C. Penney at her high school.

Varied experiences and accomplishments also are evident in the Class of '81. One freshman won a state indoor track title last spring, another was named bowler-of-the-year and one starred in Pop Warner League football, eventually playing in bowl games at Dallas, Tex., and Orlando, Fla.

Honors and awards are sprinkled throughout the class: there are athletes, men and women, who won most valuable player awards in many different sports; Boys and Girls State representatives; county fair queens and homecoming queens.

Lastly, one student lists this as her major accomplishment: "I lost 40 pounds on a diet." Many Americans might not argue with that comment.

Candidate Shortage Delays Senate Elections

Twenty-one student senators have been elected to the Saint Joseph's College Student Senate, though a shortage of candidates means that additional special elections may be held to complete Senate membership.

Elections were held for Gallagher, Merlini, and Drexel Halls. In all of the other dorms, except Justin and East Seifert, there were just enough candidates to fill the offices. Justin Hall, which normally elects six senators, only had three candidates file petitions.

East Seifert had only one candidate file a petition, whereas there are two positions open for the Senate. There is also a position open for off-campus senator that has yet to be filled.

The Senate is composed of 26 students representing the dorms on campus, an off-campus senator, club and class presidents, a Clubs Organizational Senator (COS), and a representative of the Indiana Student Association (ISA).

Dorms and their senators are:

Aquinas	Don Penrod (jr.)
Bennett	Ed Griffin (jr.)
	Keith Weber (jr.)
Drexel	Dan Banina (jr.)
Gallagher	Tom Hartrich (jr.)
	Mike Popovich (sr.)
	Jim Pronteau (jr.)
Halas	Margie Applin (sr.)
	Kila Brown (jr.)
	Belinda Brown (so.)
Justin	Denise Des Jean (sr.)
	Claudia Donnelly (so.)
	Debbie Michaels (sr.)
Merlini	Matt Bradakis (jr.)
	Bob Seymour (sr.)
Noll	Gerry Hemmelgarn (so.)
	Richard Smith (sr.)
Schwieterman	Eric Crist (sr.)
Seifert (East)	Sam Braus (so.)
Seifert (West)	Mike Moyer (jr.)
	Barney Voll (so.)

Special elections will be held Friday, Sept. 30, to elect the remaining senators if enough candidates file petitions. If there are just enough candidates to fill the positions, then their petitions will be subject to Senate approval.

In the Senate, which is the legislative branch of the Student Association, student opinions are aired on various matters including athletic, academic and social activities within the school. The Senate held its first organizational meeting Tuesday.

Jim Pronteau (jr.-Gal.) takes a hefty swing during the softball-athon Sept. 5 that netted more than $300 for muscular dystrophy. Play continued for nearly seven hours and proved to be a popular attraction for players as well as passersby. Catching is Mitch Frankowski (sr.-Gal.).

Muscular Dystrophy Gains $300 From 59-Inning Softball Game

Fifty-nine innings is a lot of softball in one day, but it's also a lot of fun when the game is for a charitable cause.

Nearly seven hours of such fun Sept. 5 resulted in the raising of $301.28 by Saint Joseph's College students for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. On that day, comedian Jerry Lewis headed a nationwide drive to gather funds for the association.

Five Saint Joe students who had watched part of that day's telethon conceived the idea during noon meal in the Halleck Center cafeteria.

Frank Marinaro (sr.-Gal.) says "we were discussing possible ways of raising money at lunch; I suggested a softball game. Our group liked the idea, so we started a softball-athon as soon as we returned to the dormitory and rounded up the necessary equipment."

Jim Pronteau (jr.-Gal.), Chris Bott (fr.-Gal.), Mike Fiebelkorn (so.-Gal.), and Kevin Miller (fr.-Gal.) assisted in organizing the game, which started at 12:30 p.m. with a goal of raising $100.

When that goal was reached after just two hours of play, the goal was upped to $200. The crowd of spectators grew steadily and play continued through the supper hour, and when the game stopped at 7:15 p.m., the students had tripled their original goal, thanks to contributions from players, spectators and passersby.

When Marinaro was asked by a fellow student in the dorm that night as to who won, he answered simply "Jerry's kids."

A Time And A Place

Going to the movies shown in the auditorium used to be an enjoyable experience. But this no longer holds true.

There is a time and a place for everything, and the childish behavior that is found during the movies is hard to believe.

That minority of people who attend these presentations are supposedly college students, yet their mentality and maturity cannot match that of an ant.

Respect for fellow students plus manners and courtesy should be expected, yet in the auditorium some students' crudeness and insults between one another are totally out of place.

Students at Saint Joe's want entertainment on the screen, not vulgarities from fellow viewers.

A lot of the crudeness that goes on in the auditorium can be attributed to the "puma-type refreshments" that these people indulge in. Since they seem to be old enough to drink, why aren't they also old enough to realize that there is a time and a place for everything? Please, let the rest of the audience enjoy the movie.

Action, Not Excuses

For many years, there have been complaints from Drexel Hall about the various problems plaguing students there. And for just as many years, we have been told by college officials that everything is "peachy-keen."

We, and most of the student body, are tired of hearing how things were repaired at Drexel, only to find that very little, if anything at all had been done. Lame excuses will not do the job.

Fault can also be found on the part of the students who live in the dorm. If they would make a sincere effort to keep Drexel clean, and desist from tossing all sorts of debris into the courtyard, then college officials might be more willing to concede that maintenance would not be a waste of money.

It is therefore suggested that college officials seriously look into the problems at Drexel and try to reach an understanding with the residents. When a dorm becomes synonymous with problems, then it is time for action, serious action, to be taken.

Pot Decriminalization Debated

Stuff recently polled several students as to whether or not they would like to see marijuana decriminalized. Presently nine states have decriminalized possession of marijuana. This is how the students responded to the question "should marijuana be decriminalized?"

Dave MacArthur, (fr.-ESF)—"Yes, because it's so easy to get now and it won't change the situation drastically."

Isabelle Kuman, (fr.-Jus.) — "Yes. Many people use it; to decriminalize it would help alleviate crowded courts so we could get on to more important business instead of something so small. It's just like alcohol."

Anonymous — "No, it's not good for you and it's unsafe."

Kevin Meany, (sr.-Aqu.) — "Most definitely. Marijuana is less harmful than alcohol. Since alcohol is 'decriminalized,' then marijuana should also be decriminalized, because it is less harmful than 'mother's milk'."

Kila Brown, (jr.-Hal.) — "It should be decriminalized because it is too widespread to stop. Whether it is decriminalized or not, people are going to smoke it anyway; there's just too much of it not to decriminalize."

Matt Margres, (fr.-Mer.) — "Yes, there are no adverse side effects. It's not as bad as alcohol and cigarettes, and if the government taxes it, they will make money."

Karen Roelofs, (fr.-Jus.) — "Yes, it should be ranked along with alcohol."

Mike Tuttle, (jr.-Swn.) — "I don't see why not."

Tom Milani, (sr.-Gal.) —"Definitely. There are a lot of innocent people who are getting pimped over for such a small offense."

Janet Keller, (so.-Jus.)—"Yes, because as far as I know it does not cause any harmful effects, and as long as people are going to smoke behind closed doors, there is no reason that they should not do it in public."

Ken Renspie, (jr.-Drx.) — "I feel it should be decriminalized. There have been studies on the subject and none of them have proven conclusive that marijuana poses any danger to the individual. Its opponents contend that would lead to the use of hard drugs, but the studies and the tests have not made that conclusion."

'Puddle-Sliding' Climaxes Picnic

By Dr. WILLIAM DOWNARD

Observations of a faculty member at SJC, 1977-78:

When approached by the erstwhile editor of Stuff to write a column for the student newspaper, my first reaction was to demur—it quite probably should have been my second, third, fourth, and so on.

The problems of a faculty member presuming to write a few lines in the student press are considerable. As I see it, in the first place, it should be a student output almost exclusively. And secondly, as I told the persistent editor, it is very presumptuous—not to mention the dangers of peer disapproval—for one faculty member to take on such a job even if it is only to speak for oneself. So, I'm still asking the question, "Why me?" and I'm still saying to myself, "You shouldn't do this!"

Now, with all the insecurities, reservations, and apologies out of the way, let me try some observations. These first few weeks of 1977-78 (from my very narrow vantage point) have been interesting. Even with all the rain Collegeville has had dumped on it, there exists a fairly bright outlook. One example is that the senior class decided to hold a picnic at Lake Banet in a downpour.

At first, some members of the class were probably hesitant to "picnic" under such conditions, but in time the "festive" atmosphere prevailed. A few seniors, after eliminating goldfish swallowing, Volkswagon cramming and telephone booth-stuffing as worthy college-type activities, decided to create a rainy midwestern college activity which might be called "puddle-sliding."

This practice, which will unquestionably spread to other wet and muddy midwestern campuses, involves a commitment on the part of the individual to perform either a head-first Pete Rose or feet-first Lou Brock-like slide through a large six-inch deep mud puddle.

The participants in this case were seniors and veterans of the humanizing and liberalizing experience of three years of Core, an intellectual experience which undoubtedly helped prepare them. They ran for a distance of about ten yards, made the head-first (or feet-first) plunge and then surfaced, arms in victory position, to accept the cheers of the rest of the senior class and assorted faculty admirers.

In all, the successful results of a senior-faculty picnic in the rain and the happy, but unforeseen addition of a new sport for college fun, seem to me to be evidence that Pumaville is alive and well and ready for an upbeat year!

Band Seeks New Leader

By JOANN RADIN

Problems are plaguing Saint Joseph's band, and major among these problems is the lack of a band director.

Bruce Hicks (jr.-ESF), president of the band, says that "a full-time director is needed to avoid the organizational problems that occur without one. The duties of the director would include recruiting and briefing new members, arranging concerts, and generally maintaining the band's schedule."

For the past three years the band has been without a director. Richard Shanklin, former band director, left because he felt that the opportunities for expansion were not as great at Saint Joe as they were elsewhere.

"We could support a larger band program with a full-time director," says Hicks. "Whereas now there is only a pep band, we could expand to a concert, jazz, and marching band."

Another major problem for the band is membership. With only 12 returning members and approximately 20 new recruits, there is not much hope of forming an active marching and performing band.

Presently, only the pep band performs during home football games. The band also anticipates a possible Christmas performance.

Hicks says, "The lack of interest shown in a band at Saint Joe's reflects an attitude of apathy and this seriously undermines extracurricular activities on the campus."

...short stuff...

Total enrollment in the nation's schools and colleges will drop slightly this school year, while the total cost of education will increase by about $12 billion over last year, the National Center for Education Statistics predicts.

The annual "Back-to-School" forecast indicates that 60.3 million students will enroll this fall. This is a decrease of about one-half of one percent from the fall of 1976 enrollment of 60.6 million.

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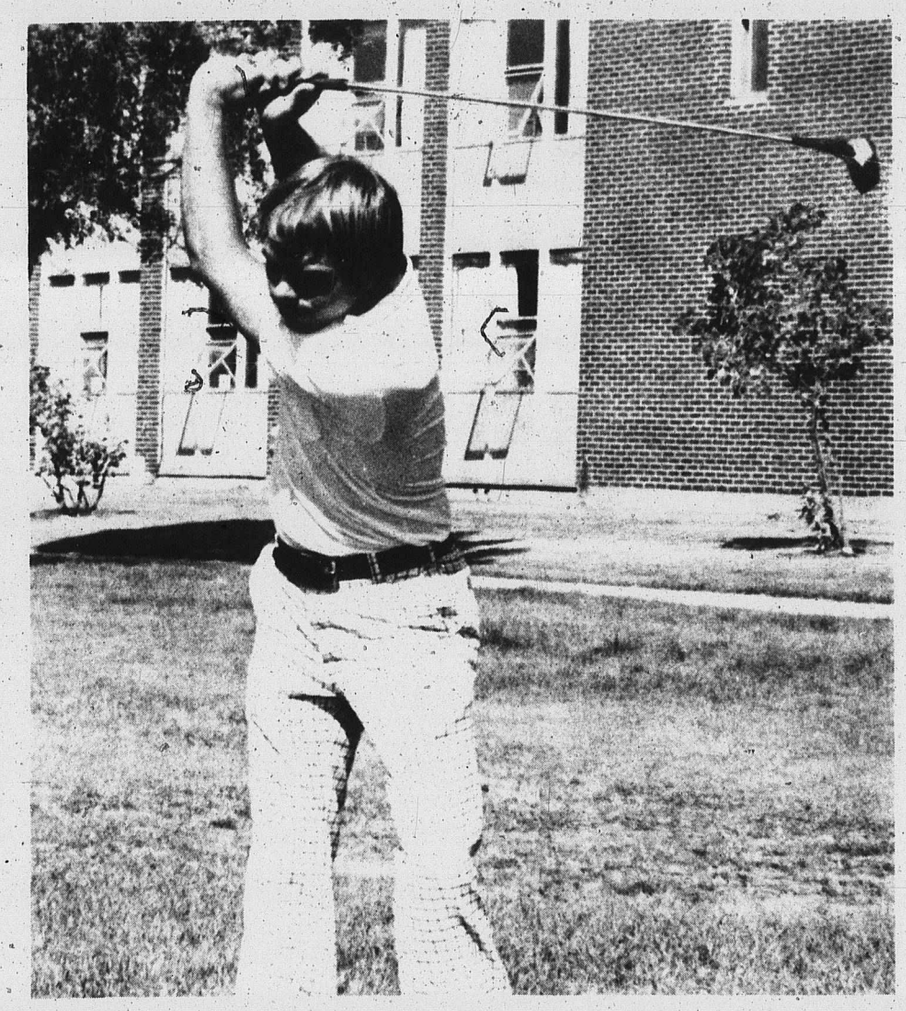


Mike Hart (soph.-Gal.) gets in a few practice swings as he prepares to help the golf team in its quest for an Indiana Collegiate Conference title. The golfers trimmed Valparaiso in their ssason opener before tying for sixth in last Friday's Franklin Invitatonal.

Football Future Bright As SJC Awaits Central

By MONIQUE LACOUTURE

"We cannot dwell on the past" Puma head coach Bill Jennings said in reference to Saint Joseph's 17-10 loss at the hands of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Sept. 3. They didn't, either. The Pumas stormed past the Olivet Comets in a 34-0 rout at home last Saturday.

Jennings blamed a "lack of scoring" for the loss in Wisconsin. "No organization" was his key phrase as Eau Claire rallied past a ten-point deficit to score 17 points by the end of the third quarter.

"We'll do the best job we possibly can," Jennings said before the Olivet game. And the Pumas did.

SJC scored four times before halftime (five times overall), despite absorbing a school-record 177 yards in penalties. Larry Shelton gained 119 yards rushing, and Ray Banary completed seven of 11 passes for 92 yards.

Olivet never got past Saint Joe's 20-yard line, as the Puma defense stifled each Comet attack and limited the visitors to 130 total yards.

Now 1-1 on the young season, the Pumas sent Shelton on a 65-yard scoring scamper on their first offensive play from scrimmage, and the Comets found themselves chasing the hosts for the next three hours.

Statistics partially reflect the SJC dominance: the Pumas led in first downs (17-8), yards rushing (260-97), yards passing (99-33) and total offense (359-130).

Jennings credited the win to being "mentally prepared" for the game. He added that the Pumas played hard, and "we went after them right away."

Captain Greg Duggin (sr.-Noll) and quarterback Ray Banary (so.-Mer.) were cited by Jennings as the "stars" of the game. Jennings called Duggin a "good leader on and off the field." He added that Banary "was consistent with his passes."

Duggin sustained a shoulder injury, and tailback Larry Shelton (so.-day) received a cut over his right eye, but both will be ready for the Oct. 1 game against Indiana Central.

Banary said that he played "fairly well," but he added that the "whole team was more fired up for this tussle." The offensive line was applauded by Banary for "getting first downs in key situations, and giving me good field position."

Duggin said the team was "ready to play, and we beat Olivet on a man-by-man basis. The rest of the season will be tough, but I won't be surprised if we take everything."

Jennings and his assistant coaches agreed that the younger players were also keys to the victory. Fred Mariani commented that they "did a good job, and they were consistent coming off the pass." Jerry Lasko added that his group "looked pretty good. We were still sloppy, but we just need more experience."

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Wisconsin-Eau Claire 17, SJC 10
SJC 34, Olivet (Mich.) 0
OCT. 1 Indiana Central

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Notre Dame 9; SJC 0
SEPT. 15 at Purdue-Calumet
SEPT. 17 at Huntington (Ind.)
SEPT. 20 at DePauw
SEPT. 22 BUTLER
SEPT. 29 PURDUE-CALUMET

VOLLEYBALL
SEPT. 29 INDIANA ST., VALPARAISO

CROSS COUNTRY
Wabash Hokem Karem-withdrew Sept. 10
SEPT. 17 at Rose-Hulman (Ind. State) 11 a.m.
SEPT. 20 INDIANA CENTRAL 4:30 p.m.
SEPT. 24 at DePauw Medley, 11 a.m.
SEPT. 27 at DePauw (Butler), 4:30 p.m.

GOLF
SJC 390, Valparaiso 392
Franklin Invitational - SJC tied for sixth
Butler Invitational - SJC placed fifth
SEPT. 16 at Purdue-Calumet
SEPT. 17 SAINT JOE INVITATIONAL (Curtis Creek Country Club)
SEPT. 20 at Ind. Central Invitational (Hoosier Links Golf Club)
SEPT. 23 at Evansville Invitational (Helfrich Field Golf Course)
SEPT. 26 Ind. Intercollegiate Tourney
SEPT. 27 (at Lebanon, Ind.)

IM News

By REGINALD PULLIAM

Keeping with the notion that a good intramural program is a dynamic one, Russ Klimcyzk (sr.-Ben.), IM director, has modified this year's program to include a diverse array of exciting events. To spark a normally dull and listless weekend, such psysically demanding sports as tug-of-war, bike racing and track and field will be scheduled along with the prestigious superstar competition.

During the dreary months of winter, weight-lifting, one-on-one basketball and free-throw shooting contests will be the order of each week. To add incentive, this year as in years past, trophies will be awarded to the champions of each event.

Along with the new additions to the sports program, Klimcyzk has instituted several minor procedural changes. Referees and umpires will no longer be paid for their services. Due to this unforeseen problem, the responsibility of picking up equipment and scheduling a referee or umpire for that day's game will lie with each team captain. To insure against a captain disregarding his responsibilities, there will be a fine levied against that team, an amount which at this time has not been established.

Should there be any complaints, suggestions, criticism or possibly even praise, all opinions, unlike last year, should be directed to the IM representative of each dorm. They, in effect, will serve as a buffer between the students and the IM office. The names of each of these representatives will be posted in Klimcyzk's bi-weekly report.

Assisting Klimcyzk this year in running the program will be Dennis Grady (jr.-Ben.). He is to manage work-study workers who have jobs in the intramural program.

To facilitate communications between students and the IM office, all intramural bulletins will be announced on the campus radio station WPUM (90.5 FM). The station broadcasts from noon-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Current football team listings (as of Sept. 12):

Merlini Bongs
Bennett Kannabis Kids
Merlini Bowls
Reefer Dawgs (West Seifert)
Drexel Last Chance

PUMA PRINTS

New Conference Studied

Discussions that could profoundly affect Saint Joseph's athletics for years to come will resume in the second week of October when Saint Joseph's joins several other schools at the conference table.

Returning to this meeting will be five schools who gathered at Louisville, Ky., in late July for an exploratory session: Saint Joseph's, Indiana Central, Bellarmine College of Louisville, Kentucky Wesleyan University of Owensboro and Indiana State University - Evansville.

July's meeting was vital for at least two reasons: 1. It exposed three schools whose original interest in the league has apparently dissipated--Transylvania University of Lexington, Ky.; Northern Kentucky State University of Covington; and Wright State University of Dayton, Ohio; and 2. It directed the five still-interested schools to seek out how much interest could be found among three other potential league members; Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, University of Missouri - St. Louis, and Franklin (Ind.) College.

SIUE and UMSL have indicated substantial interest; Franklin, often mentioned in theory as a possible new member of the dwindling Indiana Collegiate Conference, has remained non-committal but "willing to listen" to ideas surrounding this proposed new conference.

"Basketball is the sport which motivated discussions among these schools," reports Saint Joseph's athletic director Richard Scharf. "Each of the schools at our July meeting are NCAA Division II members in basketball, and we found an encouraging number of similarities in athletic needs and goals among ourselves."

Interest in the new league at SJC and Indiana Central is heightened because basketball competitive parity in the ICC has now totally disappeared. The Pumas and Greyhounds, the league's only Division II cage teams, are the "little two." Butler and Valparaiso, a pair of Division I basketball schools, represent the "big two."

RICHARD SCHARF

And Evansville, already with a recruiting budget equivalent to many Big Ten schools, is the "giant one." This spring and summer the Aces have used their enormous financial wallop to enlist the aid of several major blue chip players and, as one Evansville writer said in early summer "if we don't win every ICC game this winter by at least 25-30 points, it'll be a surprise."

July's discussions revealed that travel arrangements in such a conference could be readily resolved. For example, playing on a Friday-Saturday, *Thursday-Saturday or Saturday-Monday basis, SIUE and UMSL (schools* that are only about 30 driving minutes apart) could visit Saint Joe and Indiana Central the same weekend, while SJC and Central could repay the visit on another weekend.

Kentucky Wesleyan and Indiana State - Evansville, also approximately a half hour apart, could comfortably join such a scheduling arrangement.

"If we do get such a conference off the ground, Saint Joseph's would certainly be interested in maintaining membership in two conferences--this new one and the ICC," Scharf explains. "I feel the ICC would be vital to our football program, while other sports such as baseball, tennis, golf, wrestling and track might be able to compete in both conferences."

Should home-and-home scheduling in all these sports prove financially or otherwise impossible in the new conference, Scharf says the possibility of a season-ending tournament among league members could be considered.

"Memberships in two conferences would probably be quite unusual; I can't think off hand of any other NCAA schools that now are members of anything more than one conference," Scharf reports.

"Nevertheless, I am convinced that in our particular situation, membership in two conferences would be a real plus for Saint Joe athletics that would ideally suit our needs and goals at this time, both in terms of arranging a schedule and playing schools with similar needs and goals."

Mike Palmore (foreground) of the Pumas scampers around his own left end for a 12-yard gain in the third quarter of SJC's 34-0 rout of Olivet (Mich.) College Saturday. Bill Springer leads interference for Palmore; the Pumas' Mike Krasowski (64) is in the background.

Computer-Assisted Learning Center Offers Academic Help To Students

By DEBBY LANGE

Many Saint Joe students have discovered a pleasant antidote for the "wash day blues": they feed the hungry machines, then slip next door for a quick game of tic-tac-toe with a non-human, but very worthy opponent — a computer in the new computer-assisted learning center, which is adjacent to the campus computer center.

Often they become so involved that the laundry lies in forgotten heaps for hours as the computer asks "Do you want another game?" But games are just a facet of the center.

Formerly a garage and storage area, the learning center is housed in a paneled, carpeted and air-conditioned area, and began full operation at the start of this school year. "It's primary objective is to reinforce the Core and computer-science programs" says Dr. William Verbrugge, chairman of the department of computer science.

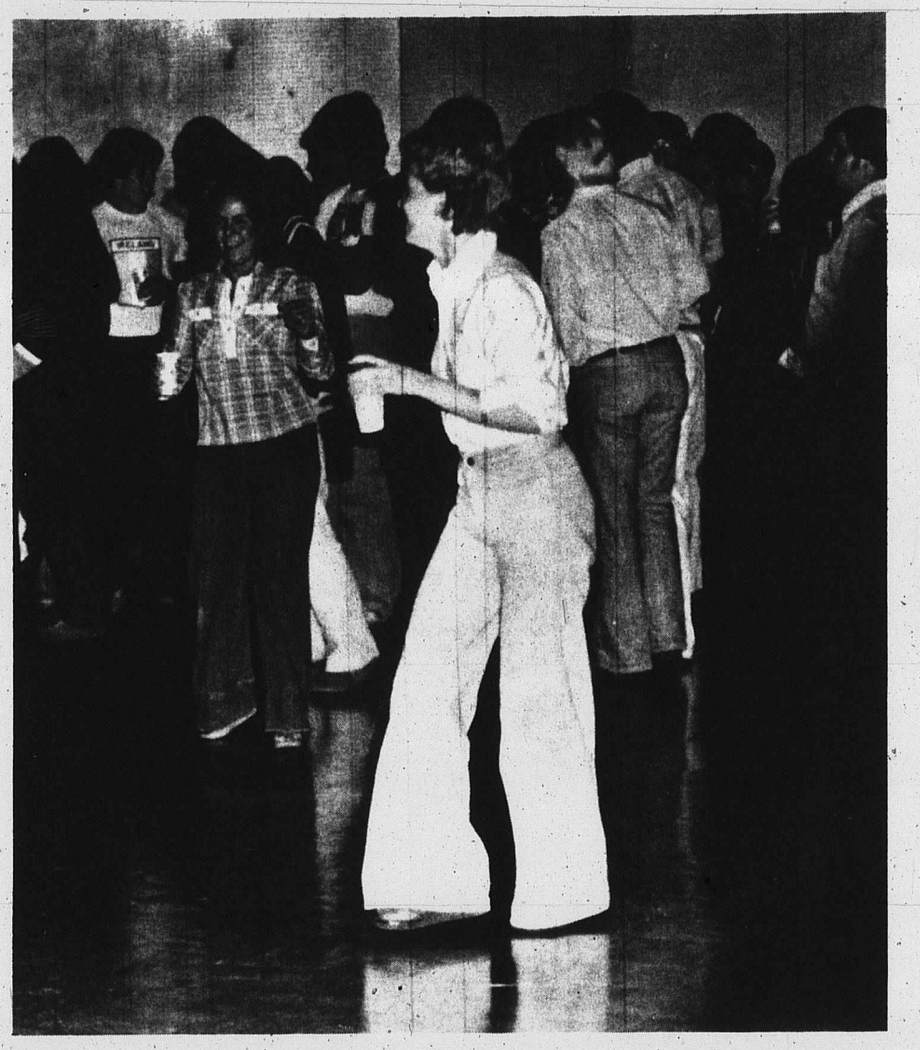
However, it will also provide tutorial work in English, chemistry, and economics; already a complete library of programs is available. "But this is a form of computer-assisted instruction," Dr. Verbrugge explains. "The computer itself does not take over the teaching and learning process, which remains the province of students and faculty."

The center is available for use by all students, and it is anticipated that all students will eventually be able to drill and test themselves there. Members of the computer science classes and the lab assistants also provide additional help to students if necessary.

"This learning center can readily be expanded to work for the entire curriculum. I think this will be one of the biggest things that's happened here; it will change and improve parts of the learning process," Dr. Verbrugge notes.

Power for the operation is provided by a Hewlett-Packard 2000-F time-sharing system. The computer can support 32 terminals, though Dr. Verbrugge says there will be 15 terminals in the center.

So, the next time the heat in the laundromat starts to become too much, visit the learning center next door; the computer is always willing to beat you at a friendly game of "hangman!"



Saturday's mixer in the Halleck Center ballroom capped a busy day at Collegeville. The rock band Screams provided the rhythms while students like Anne O'Donnell (jr.-Jus., foreground) enjoyed the entertainment.

Monte Carlo Approaching

It's not very often that the opportunity to spend an evening in Las Vegas presents itself to Saint Joseph's College. But for a short time every year, the soft click of chips and dice throws out its irresistable lure as Monte Carlo weekend commences.

Monte Carlo, one of the most popular weekends on campus, gives everyone the chance to gamble away their money on games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker. That time comes to Halleck Center Sept. 23-24.

Besides being fun, Monte Carlo gives clubs that participate the chance to earn money. There are many clubs already signed up—these include the education, biology, history, and business clubs. The clubs are asked to decorate the booths, and special prizes will be awarded on basis of decorations. All clubs are invited to join.

There will be no actual exchange of money between the booths and players. Every club will be given $20 in chips to start with, a chip being worth 25 cents. Individual players must go to the "bank" (located outside Father Leonard Kostka's office), pay their money to the "teller," and receive chips that they can spend any way they wish. Chips can also be "cashed in" at the casino bank.

The prospects this year are excellent: it should be two enjoyable evenings for the players, and a profitable one for the clubs. Last year it was held in the ballroom—this year it will be in the south lounge of Halleck Center.

The lounge should provide a more intimate atmosphere, and on Saturday night the players can combine gambling, dancing, and drinking at the mixer in the ballroom. All the equipment has been ordered from a company in Chicago, and there should be no snags to interrupt the smooth flow of the weekend.

FRESHMAN ELECTIONS

Freshman class elections, which were scheduled for Sept. 14 on the college calendar, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5. Petitions can be obtained from the SA offices (3rd floor Halleck) starting Sept. 19, and are due by noon on Monday, Oct. 3.

According to Kent Willmann, SA executive vice-president, the mixup was due to an error on the part of the SA. "We feel that the freshmen should have more time to get to know each other so they will have a basis for their vote," he says.

Runners Seeking Manpower

"We need people, we need numbers to give us depth and enable us to work with our people in developing their talents to a peak of quality that will make us more competitive on the intercollegiate scene."

Speaking is coach Dave Smith, and he's talking not just about one sport at Saint Joseph's College, but three: cross country, men's track and women's track.

All three sports were new on the intercollegiate scene at Collegeville during the 1976-77 academic year; cross country and track had been absent since the 1960's while women's track made its debut on the campus this spring.

Taking the sports one at a time, Smith says "in cross country, we would like to have ten to 12 runners, because constant practice and competition in meets usually enables the finest quality to come to the top."

In addition, most cross country meets enable participation of as many runners as a team has, and even in events like the Indiana Collegiate Conference meet, each school can enter up to seven runners.

"Last fall we had to rely on three or four runners, and we just didn't have the depth to compete against bigger schools, let alone overcome the impact of any injuries," Smith explains. "With additional depth, I really feel we can win a few meets next season."

Cross country recruiting spills over into track, since as Smith says "we'd like to get the kid who can run the mile or two-mile run and the steeplechase for us in the spring, since these events in track are similar to running in cross country."

In men's track, Smith says he is looking for speed in the dashes and hurdling events.

"Track is primarily a speed sport, and we would like most to add good sprinters and quarter-milers to our program," he notes. "We also hope to find more people to help us in the pole vault, and as was the case last season, we hope to find help from the football team in events like the discus throw and shot put."

In women's track, the most-needed item parallels that of cross country. "Here again we need people to add depth to our program," Smith reports. "We have a few fine individual athletes, but a track team needs both quality and quantity."

Depth on women's track teams is not a problem unique to Saint Joseph's, however, since Smith says women's track is a relatively new intercollegiate sport and many schools are trying to establish these programs.

Summarizing the opportunities for students in cross country and track at Collegeville, Smith says "we don't offer scholarships, but we do offer good facilities and a challenging intercollegiate schedule. It's an excellent opportunity for our students."

Junior class vice-president Mike Popovich joined fellow students and faculty at the annual senior-faculty picnic Sept. 1 at Lake Banet. Hamburgers, cold drinks and "puddle-sliding" were the order of the evening (see professsor Bill Downard's column elsewhere in this issue).

Social Preview

By DEBBY LANGE

During their first week on campus, many new students were heard to ask "But what do we do for fun — run through the cornfields?" In the following weeks we will try to answer this question with inside information about events that may otherwise go unnoticed. Many are already listed on the calendar, but explanations of what to expect are left up to the individual's imagination. Hopefully this column will serve as a useful guide in helping you find something more exciting to do than watching corn grow.

Sat., Sept. 17, mixer, featuring **Appaloosa**, 9:30 p.m., Halleck ballroom.

Appaloosa, a five-piece country-rock band from Urbana, Ill., should make this mixer a hit with music to please everyone: from blues and rock to hard-core country. So put on your dancing shoes—this one should be good!

Sat., Sept. 24, mixer, featuring **Show Biz**, 9:30 p.m., Halleck ballroom.

If you like **Chicago**, then you should like this group; they are reputed to do much of the same kind of music. If you don't, then you can spend your money outside at the gaming tables set up for Monte Carlo weekend.

Wed., Sept. 28, SA social event: Larry Garrett, hypnotist, time to be announced, Halleck ballroom.

Last year featured strip-teasers; who knows what fools this year will have to offer! At any rate, it should be...interesting.